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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Office of Highway Safety Planning

Michigan Department of State Police

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The mission of the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), Michigan Department of State Police (MSP), is to save lives and reduce injuries on Michigan roads through leadership, innovation, facilitation, and program support in partnership with other public and private organizations.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of selected OHSP safety-related programs designed to save lives and reduce injuries on Michigan roads.

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Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that we cannot determine the level of impact that OHSP safety-related programs had on saving lives and reducing injuries because of the number of factors and variables that influence traffic crash deaths and injuries. However, OHSP safety-related programs appear to have a positive impact on seat belt usage, alcohol awareness and enforcement, and traffic enforcement for secondary roads.

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Reportable Conditions:

1. Updating the Allocation of Funds for the Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) Program
OHSP did not seek amendatory legislation to modify the formula used

to allocate SRP funds to counties. Therefore, counties that have had large increases in road miles and population since 1977 are not receiving an equitable distribution of the funds in relation to their increased responsibilities for secondary road patrol and traffic accident prevention. (Finding 1)

2. Verifying Revenue Collections
OHSP did not verify that the Secondary Road Patrol and Training (SRPT) Fund revenue received was complete and accurate (Finding 2).
3. Monitoring the SRP Program
OHSP did not perform a sufficient number of on-site monitoring visits to county sheriff departments receiving funds from the SRP Program. More frequent on-site visits would allow OHSP to ensure that funds are spent on activities permitted by Section 51.76 of the *Michigan Compiled Laws*. (Finding 3)

4. Ensuring Reasonable Prices

OHSP did not take steps to ensure that it was receiving the most reasonable price for the services provided by grantees (Finding 4).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report includes 4 findings and recommendations. MSP responded that it agrees with the 4 findings and it agrees with 2 of the 4 recommendations.

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